



# Harvey County FSA News



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## Harvey County FSA

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## Service Center Hours

Monday – Friday  
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## County Committee

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## Employee Information

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## 2010 COUNTY LOAN RATES

Wheat	\$2.79 bu.
Corn	\$2.00 bu.
Soybeans	\$4.97 bu.
Milo	\$3.41 cwt.

## RECORD CHANGES

Owner/Operator changes such as: **newly purchased land, land sales, deceased individuals, or are renting different land**, make sure to report the changes to the FSA Office **within 30 days** from the occurrence. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 31** Office closed for Memorial Day.

Deadline to certify small-grains.

Deadline to file for 2009 Loan & LDP

**June 1** Final date to sign-up for the 2010 DCP & ACRE programs

**June 15** Final Date to provide income verification forms to IRS

**July 5** Independence Day – Office closed

**August 1** Final date to certify spring seeded crops and CRP

## DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

**DCP/ACRE** (Direct & Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election) signup is taking place now through the established **June 1, 2010** deadline. To basically qualify for DCP, operators and owners must share in the risk of producing an eligible crop on FSA farm base acres enrolled and be entitled to a marketing share from the crop. Producers are encouraged to contact our office NOW to complete their DCP/ACRE signup activities, and are responsible for ensuring that enrollment occurs timely and properly. All contracts with complete signatures must be received by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

A public showing of the Acre Update webinar, led by KSU, Art Barnaby and Troy Dumler, will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 am in the Moundridge H.S. auditorium. Make plans now to get the latest information on the ACRE Option.

**ACREAGE REPORTING** for 2010 small grain crops (wheat, oats, barley, and triticale) is to be completed by **May 31, 2010**, to avoid paying a late file fee of \$46 per farm. Producers are reminded that acreage reports are required to receive payments from FSA programs. These programs include but are not limited to: Price Support Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). You will also need planting dates when you report. If you haven't reported your wheat acres, please contact the office NOW for an appointment. We will be sending out appointments for spring planted crops soon.

**PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY** forms are required to be reviewed and updated to earn USDA benefits. Form CCC-926 – Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement is taken on an annual basis for any person earning USDA benefits, and must be submitted before payments can be made. Remember, these were mailed out to all producers back in December with an LDP form also.

## TAX INFORMATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>

Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs are subject to average adjusted gross income (AGI) compliance. *Written consent is required from each producer* to allow the IRS the ability to compare AGI's certified with FSA. All producers MUST submit a CCC-927 (for individuals) or a CCC-928 (for entities) to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) within 120 days of being signed, and **no later than June 15, 2010**. Failure to file these documents may result in a refund of the 2009 and/or 2010 program payments. Remember to complete all the items on these forms, the name & address must match the taxpayer ID number, and must not contain pencil or 'white-out' (i.e. Liquid Paper). Forms may be obtained from this USDA Service Center or on-line at [www.fsa.usda.gov/ks](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks).

## SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE (SURE)

There has been a lot of discussion and questions about "disaster" programs for crop losses. The only crop disaster program under the current Farm Bill is the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE). Currently, a sign-up is underway for the **2008** crop year. A signup deadline has not yet been announced.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. For SURE purposes, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest in nationwide.

The following items are necessary to be eligible for benefits:

- At least part of your farming operation is located in an Ag Secretary declared primary disaster county for 2008, or in an adjoining/contiguous county, and **suffered a 10 percent production loss on at least one crop of economic significance**. (Harvey is neither for 2008, but McPherson is a contiguous county.)
- **Each participant must meet the risk management purchase requirement** by purchasing Federal Crop insurance from a private agent, and/or NAP coverage for uninsurable crops through FSA, for all economically significant crops **in the year of the disaster**. In other words, you have to have the insurance in place before the disaster happens to be eligible. A socially disadvantaged, beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy.

For more information on the new SURE program, please visit the county office or the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## CRP NEWS/UPDATES

**Next general signup is scheduled for this July. Contact the office for more information.**

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) agreed when signing their 10-15 year contract to maintain these acres according to the program guidelines. That means attaining a stand of grass, controlling noxious weeds, controlling brush and trees, and taking any other actions needed to adequately maintain the CRP cover.

## Foreign Investors

Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings to the FSA office in the county where the land is located. Those buying or selling must report the transaction **within 90 days** of the date of the transaction

## LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

**LIP** (Livestock Indemnity Program) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. **Producers who suffer a loss must submit a Notice of Loss within 30 days of when the loss was apparent.**

**ELAP** (Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish Program) covers losses from disaster such as adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires not adequately covered by any other disaster program. **A Notice of Loss must be filed within 30 days of when the loss was apparent.**

For both LIP and ELAP, the Application for Payment is to be submitted by no later than January 30 of the year following the calendar year when the loss occurred.

## TIMELY FILE PREVENTED PLANTED/FAILED ACRES

With spring planting well underway, and the storm season approaching, producers need to be aware of reporting requirements in our office when weather throws you a curve. The CCC-576, Notice of Loss is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting, **and must be filed within 15 calendar days of the weather occurrence, or final planting date for prevented planted. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES.**

For losses on crops covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within *15 calendar days* of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

**Producers are responsible for promptly notifying the FSA County Office of any losses.**

## FARM LOAN PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

**Real Estate (Farm Ownership) Loans:** FSA is currently offering **fixed interest rate loans as low as 1.5% for 20 years** for beginning or socially disadvantaged (minority) farmers. Eligible established and beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers may qualify for up to **40 year fixed interest rate of 5% for a participation loan or 5.125% for non-participation loans.**

**Operating (Farm Operating) Loans:** FSA is currently offering **3% fixed interest rate loans for up to 7 years** to finance machinery, equipment, livestock, modest real estate improvements or production expenses with repayment terms corresponding to the type of security offered.

**FSA Youth Loans:** Youth loans to youth 10-20 years of age to establish income producing projects in conjunction with 4-H, FFA or a similar program. The youth loan program is designed to help individuals earn a profit while learning business and financial management skills.

**FSA Guaranteed Loans:** Guaranteed farm ownership (real estate) and operating loans administered by FSA are available through commercial lenders. The **"interest assistance"** program allows FSA to pay 4% of the interest expense on guaranteed operating loans on behalf of eligible farmers.

Additional program information, loan applications and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center, or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

Harvey County producers are serviced by the Farm Loan Programs office located in the Reno County USDA Service Center in Hutchinson, Kansas, phone number 620-669-8161.

## Farm Reconstitutions

At FSA, farms are "constituted" to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. If an owner or operator cannot agree about program participation, like in the case of the new ACRE program, then producers should inquire about a reconstitution of the farm at the local FSA office.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

**Reasonable accommodations** will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA County Office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

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